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**Davis Lauds Progress on Security Clearance Reform**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Government Reform Committee Chairman Tom Davis (R-VA) issued the following statement today on the President's signing of an Executive Order implementing the provisions of the security clearance process reform authored by Davis as part of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004:

“The signing of Executive Order 13381 is a major step forward on the road to meaningful security clearance process reform. Large backlogs, long wait times, and convoluted bureaucratic hierarchies have plagued this process for years, endangering national security and costing the taxpayers millions of dollars a year.

“To address this problem, I authored Title III of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, which creates a responsible oversight regime to ensure the consistent application of security clearance policy across agencies and sets benchmarks for reducing the backlog. The Executive Order creates a framework for the Office of Management and Budget to work with the stakeholder agencies to streamline the security clearance process. OMB is the right agency to oversee this effort, because the problem stretches across various Cabinet Departments and agencies and represents, at root, a management challenge.

“I want to commend the President for working with Congress to implement these important provisions and I look forward to addressing the challenges ahead to improve this process which is so vital to the national security of the United States.”

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